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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**VALVE ACTUATOR FOR OPERATING A GAS EXCHANGE VALVE OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE**", and the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto;
- ☐ was filed as United States Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ was filed as PCT International Application Number PCT/DE03/01853, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003.
- ☒ an English translation of which is filed herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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